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Dear Councilor Simmons,

I am asking you to support Massachusetts Against Hewlett Packard, to be discussed on April 23.

As a Cambridge resident of Area 4 for more than 40 years, my experience tells me that I can trust our City Council to support human rights and see beyond “false fact” to historical and present truths. My city has supported sanctuary movements, the exposure of Columbus Day’s false narrative, the rights of South Africans through the anti-apartheid boycott, and so many other critical issues.

I am also a member of the Alliance for Water Justice in Palestine, a group that works with many organizations nationally and internationally to defend the rights of Palestinian to freedom of movement in their own land; to human needs like water, medical care, housing; and the right to not be shot at—all of which are denied by Israel’s occupation of Palestine, Israel’s military assaults, and Israel’s illegal actions that denegrate Palestinians to second-class citizens (at best).

Worldwide, condemnation of Israel’s actions is loud and clear. The UN, human rights organizations, cities and countries understand that a government thatassaults and kills unarmed, peaceful demonstrators (as in Gaza today), that demolishes people’s housing and schools (as in the West Bank today), that cuts off water and electricity for weeks and often permanently (as throughout the occupied Palestinian territories today), whose “separation” wall prevents people from accessing their fields and farms, their families, their vital medical care, that imprisons children (hundreds of Palestinian are in Israel’s prison today), that has a two-class discriminatory system of voting, travel (exit/entry) and personal and collective rights—that is a government to be criticized, ostracized, and cut off from freedom-loving people’s financial and political support. The government we are talking about is Israel’s.

Once you look behind the US government’s complicity in Israel’s oppression of Palestinians and the US mainstream media’s biases, if you understand that criticizing and taking action against a discriminatory government is not anti-semetic but is, in reality, a support of human rights, the next logical move is to sever Cambridge’s ties

to, and financial support of, Hewlett Packard, a corporations that Israel uses and relies on to deny the human rights of millions of Palestinians.

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